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**Q1**

Name of organisation

Northwest Community Group Inc.

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**Q2**

Your name

Paul Slater

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**Q3**

Position

President

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**Q10**

Describe the experiences of people struggling to access affordable and suitable housing in the context of your organisation's work.

Our Charity deals with the people who have fallen through the cracks. I find people who are sleeping under bridges, or on footpaths and provide them with a tent, air mattress and bedding to sleep in.

I come across people from all walks of life, who are experiencing homelessness for all different reasons. From mental health issues, to drug dependency, to just not being able to afford rent

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**Q11**

Describe the flow-on impacts of the housing crisis in the context of your organisation's work.

I am seeing a large increase in people who are becoming homeless due to being unable to afford their rent being increased suddenly. The huge increase in rents, combined with the complete lack of social housing is resulting in an emergency situation.

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**Q12**

Describe how current policy settings impact housing affordability and access to housing from your organisation's perspective.

for 30+ years the focus for housing has been to make people rich, rather than ensuring all Australians have access to affordable housing to live in. Having your own home should be a human right. Making the top 5% richer should not be a priority.

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**Q13**

Describe what actions your organisation believes should be taken by governments to most improve affordability and access to housing.

End negative gearing and capital gains concessions, these 2 of the biggest welfare payments the government makes, and they go to the richest people in our society. Increase social housing stock, everyone deserves the right to affordable housing.

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**Q14**

Is there anything else your organisation would like to share with the Commission?

Our world is on the brink of economic collapse due to the richest and most powerful people in our society creating policies to get richer and hold power. We need to change our policies to create a just world, where everyone has access to the same education, health and housing options.

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